

## CHAPTER 163.

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*An act to Incorporate the Book Company of the Methodist Protestant Church.* Passed Mar 12, 1836

WHEREAS, sundry persons within this State hereinafter <sup>Preamble</sup> named, have formed themselves into a society or company, with a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars, in four hundred shares of fifty dollars each, to be paid in five equal instalments, for the benevolent purpose of publishing Books, Tracts, &c. and distributing the same principally among the ministers and members of the Methodist Protestant Church, with a view ultimately, to enable said church to raise a permanent fund for literary purposes, Therefore,

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Ma-* <sup>Corporation created</sup>  
*ryland,* That James R. Williams, Joseph Neal, William Neal, David Keener, Samuel R. Jennings, William R. Stewart, John Chappell, Thomas G. Hill agent for Samuel Meeteer, Philip S. Chappell, Luther J. Cox, John B. Fitzgerald, F. Lucas Jun'r. Robert Nelson, Francis Waters, Leonard Markall, and such other persons as shall hereafter become stockholders in the said company, shall and are hereby created and declared a body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and title of the Book Company of Maryland, and by the same shall have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in, all courts of law and Equity in this State and elsewhere, and to make a common seal, and the same to break, alter, or Seal  
 renew at pleasure.

Sec. 2 *And be it enacted,* That the present directors, <sup>Present officers recognized</sup>  
 to wit: James R. Williams, Joseph Neal, Samuel K. Jennings, David Keener, P. S. Chappell, Luther J. Cox, William R. Stewart, Francis Waters; John Chappell, and Leonard Mackall, shall continue to act as such until the first day of July eighteen hundred and forty one, at which period this act of incorporation shall cease. In case of death, resignation, or removal out of the State of Maryland of a director, his place shall be filled up by the remaining directors.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the directors shall have <sup>Power of directors</sup>  
 authority to appoint a President annually, and such other officers as they may deem necessary for the prudent management of the concern, to purchase materials and to make contracts for the printing, binding, issuing and purchasing of such books, tracts &c. as they may determine on; the directors shall also have power to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall appear neces-